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REMARKS

The Examiner will note that the required cancellation of new matter has been accomplished and the text has been restored to its original language.

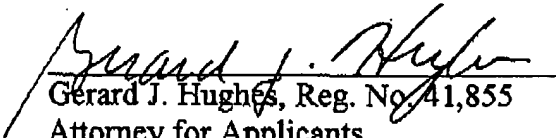
In addition, claim 19 has been amended in response to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failure to comply with the written description requirement. Support for amended claim 19 may be found on page 8, lines 20-24 of the original specification. The Examiner will also note that the term "acid-functionalized", which was objected to in the specification, has been deleted from claim 21.

It is urged that the case is now in condition to be allowed. Favorable action is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to contact applicants' attorney should the Examiner wish to discuss this application further.

Respectfully submitted:

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